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"Let's Be Fair"

To the Editor:

I was a delegate of the Reformed Church in America to the Foreign Missions Assembly in Columbus. Being also a regular reader of your paper I noticed your report of it in the Nov. 1 issue, which I do not think was completely fair.

You quote from three men who spoke and then labeled the conference "almost wholly" given to the social gospel. That the social gospel was stressed more than I would like to have seen it stressed is true, but your report failed to mention the main Wednesday evening address of Rep. Walter Judd who condemned the great physical monuments that the missionaries have been building and said we need "more Christ-like persons who will go with the Book and the testimony that this Book is true. And who will be ready to go underground to continue spreading the Gospel if the Communists take over (speaking of China). These people need Christ for the same reason we need Him. They need a Saviour."

On Thursday evening the main address was by Dr. Paul Harrison who spoke on "Christ, the Lord of All"—Lord of our faith, our hope and our sacrifice. "We have too often been afraid of seeing giants, big as the devil, himself. We need faith to remember that we have, not a puny Saviour, but a Living Christ through whom we are able to lick giants that are twice as big. We may not be called on to die for Him, but He expects all of us to be willing to go to the garden with Him and there to kneel in agonizing prayer wrapping the sins of others around our souls before Him. If we want to see men saved it will have to be by kneeling with them in prayer next to Christ," Dr. Harrison said in his message.

Looking through my notes on the conference I found ten more that **definitely** had an evangelical ring to their messages. From your report I wouldn't have known there was an evangelical there. Was your reporter at all the sessions or did you just get the press releases?

I have written this because I am truly interested in the growth of the NAE as an agency for God in these days, but to misrepresent other Christian groups does not help make the Gospel attractive to the unbeliever, nor advance your work.

RAYMOND E. WEISS

Pella, Iowa

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Yes, there were several addresses that sounded the evangelical note at Columbus. There are probably more distinctly evangelical agencies affiliated in FMCNA than in any other inter-church body of its kind in America. All honor to them! *UEA* in the limited space available published "news" about Columbus that is assiduously kept from the churches. We do not support the FMCNA and therefore felt under no obligation to give a full-dress, promotional-type report of its affairs. Frankly, we believe that FMCNA is gradually succumbing to the American "ecclesiastical octopus" and to the social gospel methodology. Evangelical foreign mission leaders will do well to beware the "liberal" forces leading FMC into merger with FCCCA to form the NCCCUSA. Fortunately the new Evangelical Foreign Missions Association has come into being for "such a time as this."]

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GRACE YERXA

Laguna Beach, Calif.

To the Editor:

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SHIRLEY MORGAN

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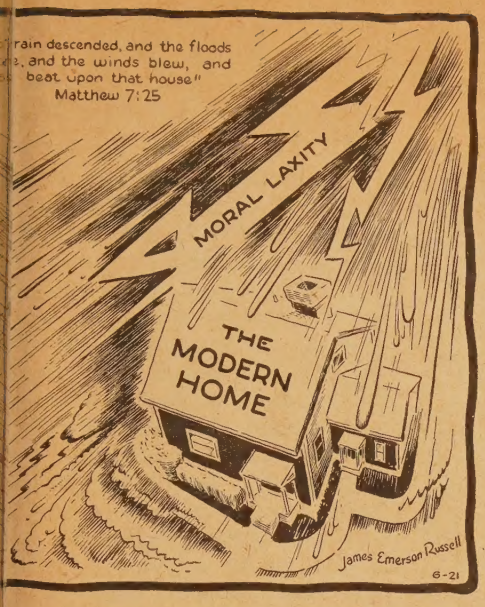

7E ARE well on the way to becoming a nation of drug addicts and drunkards, and strangest blindness which can t politicians, economists and nal leaders has so robbed us of 1 we are not even aware of mortal danger in which we !!

e statistics for 1947 show that 0,000,000 was spent for liquor. mammoth sum is the largest ndered for drink in all history. he same time American cigacompanies reported net sales over three billions. Consider this would mean to the national et. Wasteful and profligate as present administration admitted-, this sum which goes up in e and down in gulps is about fourth of the entire 1947 Fedbudget. This is over *twelve* the huge sum Congress so tantly voted for the relief of ing nations, and far more than rmed forces would like to have ep adequately prepared for the ntion of another Pearl Harbor.

far, we have not begun to ze the frightful toll in cash Siamese Twins of Satan's ning have cost us in just one The city of Los Angeles re- y complained to the State Board Liquor Revenue because the allocated the City a mere half- on dollars from license and tax nue derived from the sale of r within the city of Los Angend the City states that it costs *million dollars* a year to police results of this sale of intoxi-. The plea of the City that the r business should at least pay liquor business should at least pay its own cost to the taxpayer does not seem unreasonable, but the liquor interests howl to high heaven at the very idea! So much for the spurious claim that the taxes derived from liquor are a valuable asset and a necessary item in our economy: it costs Los Angeles seven dollars to collect one from this source! The politician who can not see the folly of that is blind indeed!

Our institutions for the mentally ill are over-crowded shamefully with the human wreckage caused by alcohol; our jails and institutions of correction are hopelessly swamped by an avalanche of new inmates, all sent there by John Barleycorn—and now the plea goes up that we should not treat these "unfortunates" as criminals and lock them in jail: they are *sick* and should be treated in special hospitals which the State is asked to build and maintain. Why should the State do this? Why not let the distilleries, the saloon keepers and the tradesmen who profit from the traffic clean up their own wreckage and pay for their own breakage out of income?

Homer Rodeheaver poses a very pertinent question in an apt illustration. He suggests, "If there were a well in a certain community which was infecting the populace with typhoid, would they spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to build new hospitals to cure typhoid patients, or would they shut down the well?" The answer is obvious: *except* when we deal with the Whiskey Trust, in which, every citizen of America is a stockholder! I mean that every phase of government has a financial interest in liquor sales and we are the government. Federal, state, county and municipal treasuries all get their share of the foul profits of this iniquitous traffic—paying out seven dollars in costs for every one received in tax!

We are all in the liquor business. Uncle Sam is the chief offender—he cheerfully encourages his nieces and nephews to swallow more and more poison because he likes to hear the clink of dollars in his cash register. *He* is not going to do anything to halt the income regardless of ruined lives, pauperized citizens, wrecked homes, heartbroken women and destitute children. What do *these* matter compared to revenue? Every publisher who takes money to advertise booze, every grocer and storekeeper who sells it, is equally guilty of the blood of wretched victims. And every citizen who countenances the evil traffic by silence shares the guilt of this awful destroyer.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science published a report saying that "Alcohol is a poison, a narcotic, and should only be sold in bottles plainly marked "POISON." This report was squelched in a hurry by the press, as you can easily believe. One publisher is reputed to have an income which is close to eight million dollars a year from liquor ads: certainly *he* is not going to help kill a goose which lays golden eggs of that size! Try to get anti-liquor news published in the average daily paper and see how far you get! Try to speak against liquor on the air and note how quickly you are hushed up.

And all the while the horrible trade increases and its sombre and melancholy results continue to pyramid to frightful heights. The increase in juvenile delinquency is largely due to alcohol either directly or indirectly. Parents neglect their children while they wallow in the trough of alcoholic indulgence and the juvenile courts work day

and night to clean up the resultant human debris. We know this: *Our* shame is that we do nothing about it!

The case against the cigarette is equally black, but not so self-apparent. A cigarette smoker does not stagger and fall on the sidewalk, is not moved to maudlin friendliness, and does not feel the urge to harmonize on "Sweet Adeline" at two o'clock in the morning. So the average person is inclined to say that "nicotine is not a moral issue like alcohol, and it's a man's own business whether he smokes or not." I disagree with that premise: the cigarette evil *is* a moral issue. *Slow* suicide is only less reprehensible than immediate self-destruction and cigarettes are shortening the life-span of millions of our citizens. Cigarette smoking mothers are bringing into the world deficient, sickly, neurotic and doomed babes, poisoning a generation at its very source. Huge fires are started by careless smokers who are lawless when the fierce urge of desire for nicotine is upon them, in which property is destroyed and lives lost —a type of manslaughter which the forces of law and justice in our land are now seeking means to punish.

It *is* a "moral issue" for many reasons. A noted and capable physician, Dr. C. A. Clinton of San Francisco, has given us a unique and timely suggestion on this point. He acts as physician for several boys' schools and has an unusual opportunity for observing the effects of nicotine on the young. I quote from his letter to Dr. Daniel H. Kress:

> A good deal has been said about the evils of cigarette smoking but one half the truth has never been told. Cigarette smoking first blunts the whole moral nature. It has an appalling effect upon the physical system as well. It first stimulates and then stupefies the nerves. . . . I have seen bright boys turned into dunces and honest boys made into cowards by cigarette smoking.

This is clearly a "moral issue"—the progress of juvenile delinquency is marked by a trail of cigarette stubs! And note this: when the thrill of nicotine begins to pall as the system becomes stupefied and tolerant of this narcotic, a stronger drug is demanded. You never heard of anyone smoking the dread marijuana who was not a cigarette addict first!

Nicotine robs the cigarette victim of every semblance of courtesy, consideration and thoughtfulness. The only right left to a non-smoker is the right to stay away from places where cigarette smokers go, and we meet them everywhere. On railway trains, in busses and airplanes, on every form of public transportation the smokers make the air blue and offensive to others, even causing acute nausea to many unfortunates who have to take their poison at second-hand. Laws and rules mean nothing to these poor drug-ridden masses. When they crave their narcotic they are going to have it, regardless of who suffers. In Pullman cars cigarette fiends smoke all day and half the night and the only escape for a normal person is to seek refuge in the smoking room—the only place on a Pullman car where they are *not* smoking!

I have not been in a first class hotel in the United States in the last five years whose lovely furniture and fine rugs were not disfigured by cigarette burns. Disastrous fires have burst out in large hotels recently and guests have perished horribly, because of some careless addict who smoked in bed and set the edifice aflame. Hotels have strict rules against this practice. There are laws also against the use of cocaine, morphine, heroin, opium and other narcotics, but the sad victims of any drug care nothing for laws. In a great chemical plant producing a highly explosive product I actually saw a man sitting on a sign which said "Danger! No Smoking!" calmly sucking in on his cigarette.

Uncle Sam does have laws against some narcotics; but he is in the business of making addicts to nicotine. He purveyed it to all his children in the armed forces; he exacts a huge revenue from the sale of the cigarette and cares nothing for the wrecks the traffic causes.

Nicotine stunts the body; it stultifies the mind; it impairs health and productivity; it poisons unborn babes and destroys the moral sense —yet some say it is not a moral issue! It is creeping, or *has* crept, into the very sanctuaries where God is worshipped and its foul stench lies like a noxious cloud over all of our fair land. How can men honestly pray, "God bless America," under circumstances like these? Our next great moral issue must be met and conquered or we will go down in disaster. That moral issue is the complete casting out of booze and dope: the renunciation of whiskey and the cigarette. They prevent us from occupying our heritage as people; they keep us out of Kingship of Self Control. Make mistake about this: either we master these twin evils or they destroy us.

When the prophet Habakk inquired of God concerning the st of his backslidden nation, the L gave the prophet a list of seven s which He would not condone could not forgive, and for the s of these the oppressor was allow to lead the people into captivi Among them we find this stern p nouncement: "Woe unto him w giveth his neighbor drink . . . w putteth thy bottle to him shame shall cover thy glory!" would have to plead guilty to t indictment as a people. And si this is an eternal principle, and G is not mocked, and whatsoever nation soweth that shall it also re it would be a courageous, statesma like and Christian action if we nounced the "profits" of iniqui confessed our fault, and clean our land by putting away these so destroying traffics. This might the first step along the road *national* revival!

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What America Needs

A leader like Moses who refus to be called the son of Pharaoh daughter but was willing to go w God.

Army generals like Joshua w knew God and could pray and sho things to pass rather than blow th to pieces with atomic energy.

A food administrator like Jose who knew God and had the answ to famines.

Preachers like Peter who wou not be afraid to look people in t two eyes and say, "Repent or p ish," and denounce their perso as well as national sin.

Mothers like Hannah, who wou pray for a child that she might g him to God, rather than women w are delinquent parents with del quent children.

Children like Samuel, who wou talk to God in the night hours.

Physicians like Luke, who co care for your physical needs a introduce you to Jesus Christ w is a specialist in spiritual trouble

A God like Israel's instead of Dollar God, the Movie God and Auto God.

And a Saviour like Jesus w could and would save from the utt most to the uttermost.—*Selected.*

ECCLESIASTICAL OCTOPUS

7. Rockefeller Catalysis

ERNEST GORDON

WAS stated some years ago a Congressional critic of the CC that a tenth of its income from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, r forty per cent of the subscrip- over $500 (*N. Y. Times,* May 931, p. 30). It is difficult to on this for the FCC has ever wary of uncovering the sources s income. A sketch of Mr. efeller's life in *Current Biog-* in which, by the way, he is d as saying that Bruce Barton's *Man Nobody Knows* made a r impression on him than any book he ever read, tells us one of his chief interests in s church union. That he should be an important financial back- the Federal Council is easily able. Indeed according to the *York Times* of April 24, 1937, CC created a Commission for of Christian Unity in re- e to the appeals of Mr. Rocke- for union of Protestant hes or, as Dr. Cavert phrased ome larger integration of our stant forces than now exists."[1]

is enthusiasm for church unity found personal expression in at two enterprises, the first of had to do with church union me, the second with union on ission field. In explaining his religious opinions in the *Saturday Evening Post* Feb. 9, 1918 (The Religion of the Inarticulate), he announced that creeds were of no importance. The only significant thing was right living. (The roots of a tree matter nothing: only the apples on the boughs). He would have "all denominational emphases set aside."

Inter-Church World Movement

The gruesome Inter-Church World Movement of 1920 was an outward expression of these opinions. Denominational beliefs and organizations were to be submerged in one great all-embracing superchurch. As originally planned in 1918, in the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Offices, New York, the movement was designed to be a new united movement for missionary advance world over, after the manner of the earlier Laymen's Missionary Movement, but it was captured by theological liberals, according to Mr. Ahearn (*Interchurch Movement,* p. 187), representatives of all denominations, who planned through a new super-organization to influence towards their way of thinking the various headquarters of the denominations. A Committee of One Hundred was organized within it, made up of representatives from the FCC, the Church Boards of Education, the Sunday School Councils of the denominations, as well as from the chief Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Having no reason for its existence the Inter-Church World Movement turned to factitious operations, —held conferences, organized discussions, gave dinners. It sent teams of speakers about the cities, Mr. Rockefeller travelling and speaking with them. "Surveys," the last resort of church politicians when they find nothing else to justify their superfluous organizing, were worked to the limit. There was a Survey on Irrigation and Religion, a Survey of Religious Education in Indiana, a Survey of Malden, Mass., a Survey of Susquehanna County, a Survey of Higher Education in Colorado. The Interchurch Press published two volumes of World Surveys. "The conservation of some of its permanent values was made possible by Mr. Rockefeller's endowment of the Institute for Social and Religious Research."

They poured out money like the proverbial drunken sailor. The movement was indeed the very apotheosis of money. It copied the technique of war-time drives with whole page advertisements in the daily papers. It dictated budgets. It was Wall St. riding high, wide, and handsome to a black Friday. And the day of financial accounting came.

Buildings had been hired for offices commensurate with a world movement, the Greenhut Building in New York, and others in Chicago, Baltimore, and elsewhere. When the order for liquidation was given, the amount of rent payable for unexpired leases amounted to $5,662,-369. Huge stocks of office equipment, desks, and typewriters, together with vast amounts of paper-stock for publishing, had to be liquidated on a falling market. The Movement's historian, Mr. Ahearn, told us that the Church was in for a new birth and needed reorganization to face the wonderful opportunity (*Interchurch Movement,* p. 33). The mid-wife's bill handed the churches for their new birth amounted to $6,500,000. In addition, to meet a critical banking emergency, Mr. Rockefeller turned in an indemnity of a million.

The stenographic records of the Inter-Church World Movement were deposited in the New York Public Library by Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick, a Rockefeller executive. They constitute grim commentary on the danger from a wrong idea when it comes to a man financially able to induce others to experiment with it.

Re-thinking Missions

The crash of the Inter-Church Movement did not deter Mr. Rocke-

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e Federal Council ever shows itself aisant to Mr. Rockefeller and his ns. Thus its Information Service, 1 2, 1929, went out of its way to t Mr. Rockefeller's side of his versy with Mr. R. W. Stewart of ia Standard Oil, although it was a of concern to none save these two men. Rockefeller money was then g to the FCC at this rate,—1926, 0; 1927, $32,727; 1928, $36,250; 1929, 0. This was more than the amount at the time by any denomination ne.

FC Bulletin of November, 1933, ised under the title, "The Rocke- Plan," the utterly wet book *Toward r Control* by the utterly wet Ray- Fosdick, with an utterly misleading word" by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. *Report 1933,* p. 56 states that the Information Service summarized orthless book, extracts from which been run through the entire month ctober, 1933 by the *N. Y. Times,* nably at Mr. Rockefeller's expense.

feller some years later from attempting to influence the foreign missions of the churches. The report of his investigation over-seas, *Re-thinking Missions,* is described on its title page as "A Layman's Inquiry After One Hundred Years," as if it were indeed an epochal undertaking. His name does not appear in the index (nor does Christ's), yet he was its financial backer and probably in the last analysis the single layman actually responsible for it. Certainly it reflected his ideas. Its initial research was in the hands of the Institute of Social and Religious Research, which he subsidized.

It recommended the substitution of a single working machine to take the place of the scattered denominational organizations (p. 320). The main direction of mission work should be vital, not doctrinal, another characteristic Rockefeller notion. The theological seminaries, therefore, were to be made over to prepare men for practical work of a social-humanitarian character.

Mission work, it insisted, ought to be freed from all obligations to evangelize. It should give without sermonizing (p. 326), which is a blunt way of suggesting the secularizing of mission schools, colleges, and hospitals. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" has no longer relevance for Socony theology. Church planning is a function of the past. Missions should now proceed to a permanent program of uniting the nations on high ethical levels. With this in view, a few men of intellectual competence should be sent about Asia as representatives of these lofty spiritual plans (p. 320). Dr. Fosdick, for example, and Prof. Hocking, and the Federal Council general staff!

As to the heathen systems of Asia, modern missions should seek sympathetic association with them in whatever they have of good and cooperate in common moral enterprises.

This syncretism finds expression in Mr. Rockefeller's International House where, in every apartment, is found an "Inter-Faith Bible" consisting of selections from Scripture, the Koran, Buddhist writings, and the Bhagavat Gita. This International House, formerly presided over by Harry E. Edmonds, stands *vis-a-vis* to the Rockefeller Cathedral presided over by Harry E. Fosdick. Mr. Edmonds wrote the preface to the International House Inter-Faith Bible. It is in the vein of the Riverside pulpit.

"The world is a beautiful garden where truth, like flowers, unfolds in different ways. In our youth our garden may afford but two or three flowers which, to us, seem the most beautiful in the world. Then we suddenly come upon another garden, replete with earth's every variety, and there comes an overwhelming consciousness that all people are flowers in God's garden."

The lobbies of International House give the impression, however, that the real bond which binds its variegated inmates in one is not the Inter-Faith Bible but the cigaret.

Prof. William E. Hocking of the FCC Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, who was chiefly responsible for the Final Report, *Rethinking Missions,* would unite Buddhism and Mohammedanism with Christianity (*Living Religions and a World Faith*). He would rethink missions without the Great Commission.

The World Faith which he hopes for by a merger of pagan religions with a dead Christianity would leave out the Incarnation, the Atonement, the Resurrection, and Immortality. "If there is anything on which we might claim emerging agreement among men it might seem to be the rejection of interest in immortality as not merely irrelevant, but inimical, to the serious business of mankind" (p. 219). Then he proceeds, "The idea of a divine plan considered as a dated product of God's wisdom and goodness (is) an ingenious invention of St. Paul. . . . It is time for robust Christianity to have done with all this rattling of ancient moral chains" (p. 169).

The Laymen's Report was a nine day wonder but the rocket soon turned earthward. A committee was formed in Chicago to press upon the churches the conclusions of the Report. "*Re-thinking Missions* is potential leaven," it explained. "To do effective work it must be embedded in the thought of the churches." A National Committee with a long list of well-known names was formed. Commissioners were appointed to visit the major cities of the country, "their expenses being provided for." The price of the Report was reduced from $2 to fifty cents and a *resume* of "the monumental document" was prepared "for laymen" by Mr. Stanley High. A corps of volunteer speakers was also planned,—educato clergy, professional and busine men, to address meetings and le discussion. This "Modern Missi Movement," continuing the La men's Inquiry, applied to 67 missi boards for cooperation. Only fi consented to experiment with it, three Baptist, to which Mr. Rock feller was then a contributor, t YMCA which also received l largess, and the American Board.

A year passed. Nothing happene The project was treated by t Christian public with complete i difference. "The tremendous inte est exhibited throughout the cou try," in the Laymen's Report w hardly more than the newspap interest which Rockefeller public gave it, a factitious thing passi out of the thought of people as m newspaper alarum quickly do *World Christianity,* its organ, su pended publication "for lack financial support," poor thin Really it could get nobody to read

YM and YWCAs

The collapse of these two mo ments did not deter Mr. Rockefel from taking the wheel in oth super-sixes. A year or two la found him proposing "an exha tive scientific study of possible organization" of the YMCA, "mo ernizing the work, effecting ec omies, etc," and leading to the dev opment of an interrelation of all t various YMCA organizations, will give me pleasure to have t study made and I have put the m ter in the hands of Mr. Raymc B. Fosdick, who will have cha of it."

The upshot was recommendat of a centralized National Coun "far less democratically compos and a much smaller body," *Rep* p. 301. A similar survey was c ried out in 1921 for the YW likewise by Mr. Fosdick. It, t made centralization "the basic pr ciple to be applied in working reorganization. We believe that small Executive Council works m effectively" (pp. 81-82, *Report a Survey,* etc.).

The National YMCA and YW undertook a comprehensive sur of their whole program and pol for foreign work. It was finan by the Laura Spellman Rockefe Memorial and directed by Dr. Ernest Johnson of the FCC (*Bulletin,* June, 1929). In 1934 National YWCA abolished the ing which kept this great organi tion in Protestant and Evangel

ls. Nine-tenths of the local asso-ons have followed. The com-t of *Time* on this secularization "As the YW's good works have iplied, its emphasis on religious ities has waned. The YW's ed Bible classes are a thing of past."

ow these were generous projects from the point of view of e-scale business, no doubt wise. Mr. Rockefeller's plans, as well is contributions, tend to give to person and to an orientation to evangelical Christianity, an ue influence. Centralization in Christian church has ever proved angerous policy.

he Rockefeller method appears e to give large sums to institutions founded and built up by evangelical devotion and self-sacrifice which, as a consequence, sooner or later change their character to his way of thinking. This is eminently unfair but he does not hesitate to intimate that it represents his purposes. When in 1935 (*N. Y. Times,* Nov. 15) he renounced contribution to specifically Baptist causes, he wrote, "I am seeking to use such influence as I have in emphasizing the basic truths common to all denominations . . . to rear a church far better adapted to the requirements of this day and generation." And at the Centenary celebration of the YMCA he wrote,

"May this great organization have in its leadership the vision and courage . . .to discard the old where it has served its day and to adopt the new where it promises greater service to young manhood."

NYC's Protestant Council

The preface to the Inter-Church Movement was Mr. Rockefeller's article in the *Saturday Evening Post,* "The Religion of the Inarticulate." A quarter century later this was brushed up and presented again under the caption, "The Christian Church: What of its Future," at a Waldorf-Astoria dinner, January 31, 1945. This dinner launched another of Mr. Rockefeller's projects, "The Protestant Council," uniting the Greater New York Federation of Churches, the Brooklyn Church and

FIRST "DPs" PROCESSED

INCE last September the Wash-ington office of the National Association of Evangelicals has cooperating with the United es government in dealing with opean "DPs" (*UEA,* Sept. 15).

r. Clyde W. Taylor reports that ocessing" was begun in October the first Displaced Persons red through the NAE office are ected to reach this country be-Christmas.

ccording to the Displaced Per-s Act of 1948, the U. S. Govern-t has authorized the admission 205,000 prior to July, 1950. All hese persons are to be brought hrough the sponsorship of reli-s organizations: Protestant, ish, or Roman Catholic. The E has been asked to be respon-for 3,000.

Most of those in DP camps are ons who have suffered greatly he hands of Nazism and Com-nism. Tens of thousands have aken every earthly possession to pe the tyranny of atheistic sia which has now overrun their ls. Such people will certainly e excellent citizens.

n American evangelical who re-ly visited the DP camps in Ger-ny says:

LATVIANS COME TO USA

Photo of first couple processed by the NAE's Washington office.

"It is difficult to describe what I saw, but it still hurts, deep down. Repeated over and over was the room, about 24 ft. by 3 ft., housing as many as four or five families, perhaps up to twenty persons. Old sacking and dirty rags constituted the furnishings. Dark, deep-set eyes stared from cadaverous faces. Women covered with pieces of sacking, lay with their recently born children. As can be imagined, privacy was practically impossible. Often, hanging on the wall, there was the tell-tale crucifix which spoke of Rome which dominates most of these homeless people for whom Christ died.

"The quarters for Protestant DPs were also visited. What a different story! Desperately poor, the place was yet clean and tidy. Here something almost approaching a home-like atmosphere was to be felt. Great was my joy to have the opportunity of bringing a short message from God's Word to them. Our time of prayer together stands out like a jewel glowing in the filth of a pigstye."

Christians in America cannot have a clear conscience unless they do something for these needy brethren.

Evangelicals who are interested in receiving DPs (individuals or families) to give them work and housing, are encouraged to contact the nearest NAE Regional Office or write directly to the Washington Office and request the necessary application forms.

HELP DPs

The National Association of Evangelicals is receiving funds to be used in connection with its program of cooperation with the U. S. Commission. What finer Christmas gift could be made to our needy brethren in Europe. Send gifts to the NAE, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

Mission Federation, the Queen's County Federation of Churches, the Brooklyn Sunday School Union, the Metropolitan Federation of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, the Protestant Teachers' Association, the Federation of Protestant Welfare agencies. *It proposes to "relate Protestantism to the wider program of the Federal Council and the World Council of Churches."* Its leadership has been in the hands of persons not distantly related to Mr. Rockefeller's religious connections and plans (Rev. E. C. Carder, Rev. Earl F. Adams). Its office is in a Rockefeller-owned building under the eaves of the Chase National Bank. For its annual budget it appeals to the public for $320,000! Its Division for Christian Education plans to take over Released Time Teaching in the public schools. "On behalf of all Protestants, standards are maintained, teachers secured, and the whole program is directed by the Division of Christian Education for the entire city. Participation in this plan is promoted by the Council through radio programs and other media aimed at parents, as they too must cooperate for this plan to operate successfully. *Only through this budget is money available for the actual program of classes and instructions" (The Protestant Church Reports,* p. 5).

Daily Vacation Bible Schools are to be controlled in the same way and Mrs. McPherson, leader in this work for the Federation of Churches, has transferred her office to 46 Cedar St., the office of the Protestant Council.[2]

In the prefatory note to Mr. Rockefeller's address at the Waldorf-Astoria, we are told that the Protestant Council was formed for "more effective affirmation of the great principles of the Protestant faith." These it specifies. "It earnestly desires a continually closer relation with the Catholic and Jewish faith in the belief that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man spread across all sectarian divisions." It is the old, senseless Unitarian formula. Certainly no intelligent Roman Catholic would want to have anything to do with Fosdick-Rockefeller theology. Father J. P. Conroy, in an open letter to Mr. Rockefeller, very caustic and very true, described it as "A Religion with a Minus Sign." The complaisant FCC has distributed the Waldorf-Astoria address in spite of all its minuses and hiatuses.

Having all his life been subjected to neo-Unitarian preaching (Aked, Faunce, Fosdick), Mr. Rockefeller seeks to reduce the religious life of the churches to this his least common denominator. In a full page interview with Mr. P. W. Wilson (*N. Y. Times,* May 23, 1937) he was asked, "Can a Unitarian join the church you have in mind?" "Why not?" he shot back.

To his way of thinking there are distinctions and oppositions in everything save in "religion." Hear him at the Banker's Club in a speech promoting the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair (*N. Y. Times,* Nov. 19, 1938): "Let us unite, irrespective of race or creed, in dedicating this temple to *religion.* I should like to see every member of every church in Greater New York given an opportunity to contribute, if only five cents; every bank and trust company open to receive the gifts of all classes, *all faiths and no faith.* By so registering their allegiance to the higher things of life (they) would give their city and these United States a new *religious* impulse that would permeate the whole life of our people."

This and related theories become a menace when the finance of the (Rockefeller) Davison Fund, Inc. backs them. They have a four million French Gothic cathedral on Riverside Drive for their weekly pronouncement. They are to be the staple teaching to little children in Released Time school periods for, as we have seen, "only through the budget (of the Protestant Council) is money available for the actual program of classes." This plan to control the religious life of New York is an ominous thing for New York. The New York Baptist City Mission Society, during the thirty-eight year secretaryship of Dr. C. H. Sears (a product of Union Seminary and Recording Secretary of the FCC), suffered a steady decline which is generally attributed to the domination of this theology.

A new project to infect Negro Baptist churches with it, the Baptist Educational Center, Washington Heights, New York City, is partly supported by Mr. Rockefeller, assisted, as it appears, by groups of Negro women in the churches, t in each group together contributi a dollar. It is "for ministers, Su day school teachers, missiona leaders, and all Christian worker When I visited it, Mr. Tibbets, pastor of the Rockefeller church a on the staff of Union Seminary, w lecturing. The Monday morni seminar for ministers is led by R Horatio Hill, product of Yale mo ernist teaching. Mr. Hill read fr a mimeographed syllabus and d cussion followed. No mention w made of Christ nor was a Bible sight. At the end of the syllab was an exposition of Mr. Roc feller's Protestant Council addre Sunday afternoon forums, led Dr. E. C. Carder of the Rivers Church and the Protestant Coun discuss Negro problems.

World Council of Churches

A recent Rockefeller gift of million dollars to the FCC-sponsor World Council of Churches is to used "in furthering the cause Christian unity and for the *religio* reconstruction of the stricken Eu pean countries." One-half is for Ecumenical Institute set up in G eva to train lay and minister leaders (FC *Report,* 1945, p. 6 That the training should confo to the ideas of the donor would only fair to him. Curriculum ite include,

4. Christian social and politi ethics, the Christian attitu towards the issues of c times.
7. Modern movements thought, a critical examinat of currents of thought w which the Christian chur must reckon.
8. Modern social and politi movements.
9. Introduction to sociology.
10. The ecumenical movement. (*FCC Bulletin,* June 1946

Two American theological prof sors were deputed to set it a-goi theologians described earlier in *Colgate-Rochester Bulletin* of D 1941 as "in the fray against crisis theology." As if in Gene there are not men of towering w dom such as Prof. Jacques Co voisier, and Jean de Saussure Calvin's old church, the Cathed of St. Pierre, together with Prof sors W. Vicher and Oscar Cullma of the nearby University of Bas And as if there did not already ex admirable training institutes such

[2]Significant is the motto adopted by this enterprise,—words of General Eisenhower, "Weakness cannot cooperate with anything. Only strength can cooperate." A military, but not Pauline, sentiment. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal *but mighty through God.*"

Chrischona in Basel and St. reae in Styria and the Bodel- ingh seminary in Bielefeld.

here are various indications that f for the hungry is to be sauced modernist theology. The Liter- e Committee of the World ncil has sent out a call for back bers of *Christendom* to be sent European pastors and I recall a e pile of them in the New York ce of World Council Relief.

hristendom is a quarterly, sump- is in form, which comes out of Fourth Ave., where the FCC is ed. Earlier edited by Dr. Mor- n of the *Christian Century* and lished by Willett, Clark and Co., ciated with the *Christian Cen- ,* it is now under the guidance Dr. H. Paul Douglass of the kefeller subsidized Institute for ial and Religious Research, and inanced by the American Insti- of Christian Philosophy, appar- y a "front" name taken from an anization forty years defunct. contributors are mainly theo- ans in Union, Chicago, Crozer, gate-Rochester and other apos- seminaries who write books and iew each other's books. It is cribed on its cover as "an Ecu- ical Review," and it represents icially the World Council of urches.

Keen minds, no doubt. So were quibbling scholastics of Oxford, is, and Padua in the thirteenth tury: also the Jewish rabbis who, eration after generation, sharp- d their wits on the Talmud in ish ghettos. But of Christ there ears to be little or nothing in ir thought or in their articles or he *Festschriften* with which they or each other. They are a self- ficient group who, instead of ying for the Spirit, are going ad to piece together a visible rch which they expect will do ble things and make a visible k in history. They are a part of world upon which *"that day"* o come as a snare.

They did eat, they drank, they ried wives,—and evangelical en- ments paid their bills. They dis- ed, they wrote, they planted ile seed, they builded systems then rebuilt them. They are as onscious of the coming end of age in which they live as Noah Lot in their day.

They have no apparent interest in ist's program of world evange- . It is never mentioned by *istendom.* The great butt of their scorn is "millennarianism." "Where is the promise of His coming?"

They talk endlessly of "religion." Now our Lord never used the word "religion," not once! Paul identified it with his own early fanaticism and cruelty: "I persecuted the Church of God and wasted it and profited in *the Jews' religion";* also with traditionalism of the worst sort: "After the most straitest sect of *our religion* I lived a Pharisee." James contrasted religious ritual, *threskia,* with the pure faith which included separation from the world and its religions.

But open your concordance to "salvation," "save," and cognate words. Column after column! Christianity is not *"religion,"* it is salvation. Yet in year after year of *Christendom* the word "salvation" never occurs.

The error-full and deadly deviation of the time! And this it is which is being sent to the pastors and libraries of France and Germany by the FCC, as if European churches had not been dosed with it for two centuries.

The temper of *Christendom* can be illustrated by a few quotations. Prof. C. C. McCown of the Pacific School of *Religion,* writes (1940, p. 239):

"We know too little about Jesus to base our faith on the Gospel records . . . The record of Jesus' life is entirely second-hand and in many points untrustworthy . . . the Fundamentalist theory of the finality of the biblical revelation can be satisfying to no person who thinks."

P. 246. "Criticism . . . which denies to Jesus and credits to apostolic faith such immodest claims as appear in the Fourth Gospel . . . such as 'Come unto me' and 'No man knoweth the Son but the Father and no man knoweth the Father but the Son,' aids rather than destroys faith. Interpretation which points out and explains the contemporary elements in the story, its ancient superstitions, Oriental exaggerations, and Jewish narrowness, only allows the true character of Jesus to stand out in a clearer and more attractive light" (p. 246).

In *Christendom* (Autumn 1940, p. 580), Prof. McCown is quoted as saying,

"The Occidental who would understand Jesus must put himself . . . into the atmosphere of the Arabian nights. . . . Since we do not know Jesus' views, mistaken idolatry cannot elevate them into laws for his followers." He further speaks of "the confused, contradictory, and antiquated theology of the apostles" (p. 246).

Nor, according to Prof. John Knox of Union Seminary, New York, does the New Testament give any adequate picture of the Lord Jesus: "We see Jesus only through the eyes of writers, not one of whom had seen Jesus through his own eyes. . . . As a matter of fact no clear-cut, reliable portrait of Jesus emerges from the Gospels. The books which only partly disclose him also partly conceal him, and the reader who easily assumes that they present him with a distinct, adequate, or consistent picture of Jesus knows neither the Gospels nor Jesus" (*Christendom,* Winter 1938, p. 47).

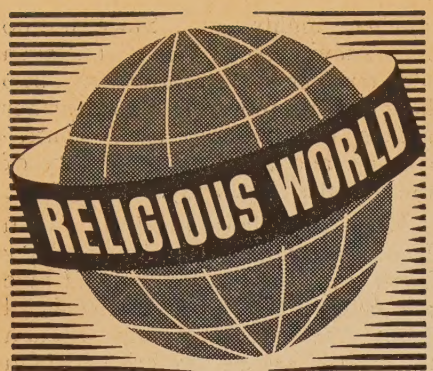
A selected list of "the best American religious books" (Fosdick, Craig, Hough, Buttrick, Oxnam, Stanley Jones, Luccock) is being assembled and seventy-five libraries of one hundred books each will be purchased and sent to appropriate individuals and institutions abroad by World Council Relief, according to its Report for 1945, p. 11. For 1947 *a half million is earmarked for literature.*

What is the purpose of all this? We can only guess from an article in the *Christian Century* (July 18, 1945), "The main body of European theological scholarship has moved consciously and decisively toward a form of biblicism which British and American scholarship long ago abandoned. . . . To the American mind it seems that the doctrine of the Bible now held by European scholars is indistinguishable from the phenomenon we know in this country as fundamentalism."

This is shocking! We can't play ball with such unenlightened people. "Ecumenical unity is impossible on any such use of the Bible. . . . The emergence of this literalistic form of biblicism will constitute a greater barrier than has ever existed between Continental Christianity and the Christianity of the West."

So they are undertaking to enlighten the darkness of European Protestantism with the religious output of Harpers, Abingdon-Cokesbury, and Willett, Clark and Co. It threatens the ecumenical soap-bubble!

(To be continued)



Black Market

The black market in Germany sometimes takes unexpected turns. For instance, a few thousand Bibles, on India paper, were sent through regular trade channels. They were sold out in just a few days. A week or so later the pages, carefully separated, appeared on the Hamburg black market as cigarette papers. It would have been better to have sent them to an individual or a church rather than through secular trade channels.

"Protestant" Europe

Europe's Millions reports that in Czechoslovakia only seven per cent of the people are Protestant; in Rumania, seven per cent; in Poland, four per cent; in Yugoslavia, two per cent; in Russia, two per cent; in France, two per cent; in Greece, one-fifth of one per cent; in Italy, one-fifth of one per cent; in Portugal, one-fifth of one per cent; in Spain, one-tenth of one per cent; in Bulgaria, one-tenth of one per cent; in Belgium, one-tenth of one per cent.

Romanism in India

Unified in aim and organization in a manner altogether unknown to the divided ranks of Protestantism, the Roman Catholic Church has very recently further strengthened her position in India by having her far Eastern Apostolic Delegate represent the Vatican at New Delhi, says *Calvin Forum*

Armed with seemingly limitless funds Romanism's host of suave, well-trained priests and educators carry out their policy of predatory expansion in a thoroughly systemized way. They seldom visit pagan centers, preferring apparently to seek their proselytes among Protestant Christians. Their victims are often obtained by various forms of chicanery: the offer of free education with food and clothing to children of the poor, irrespective of church affiliation, the tempting of ignorant under-privileged village Christians with gifts of food and even money, and by deliberately vilifying Protestant missionaries and their native helpers.

"Converts" gained in these and other equally illegitimate ways are regimented into perfunctory attendance at mass, a telling of their beads, and are taught cynically that they may now bow before the effigies of the Virgin Mary and various saints instead of the old Hindu gods and goddesses. But always with a remarkable working knowledge of psychology, an appeal is made to the love of the mystical, so dear to the heart of the average East Indian.

Freedom of Religion

Despite Soviet attempts to eliminate a reference to religion, Article 16 of the draft Declaration on Human Rights was approved at Paris, thirty-eight votes to three, by the UN General Assembly's Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee.

As approved, the article reads:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes the freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

After proposing an amendment that would have deleted the word "religion" from the article and another that would have subjected religious services to the "law of the country concerned and the requirements of public morality," the Soviet representative, Alexei P. Pavlov, voted in favor of the article. The three nations which opposed it in the voting were Afghanistan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Pavlov explained his action by saying that although the article was inferior to one embodied in the Soviet Constitution, it denoted a "progressive approach."

Italian Protestants

Sponsored by the International Association of Former Catholic Priests, in cooperation with Italian Protestant leaders, the first International Congress for Religious Reform in Italy was held in Rome recently.

The main topics at the congress were (1) the present Italian religious situation, (2) the drafting of a religious message "to Italians and the world," and (3) Church-State relations in Italy, involving the status of former Catholic priests under the Italy-Vatican concordat.

Among leading personalities at the congress were Professor Giorgio Spini, of Florence University; Aldo Capitini, leader of the Movement of Religion; Professor Guglielmo Pepe, president of the Italian Association for the Defense of Lay Schools; and Ferdinado Tartaglia, Ex- Catholic priest, who was excommunicated by the Congregation of the Holy Office in 194C for "spreading false doctrines."

It had been planned to hold sessions in the University of Rome, but city authorities denied permission, and delegates gathered instead at a hall made available by the Methodist Wesleyan community.

Meanwhile, *Osservatore Romano*, official Vatican newspaper, published a warning to Catholics against taking part in the congress, declaring is was being promoted by "an excommunicated priest, Ferdinando Tartaglia, in cooperation with Protestants." At the same time, *Osservatore* urged the Italian press "not to publicize' the event and for the most part it obeyed.

The event made history!

Middle Course

Since election smoke has clear
away, it appears that the Trum
Administration will steer a mid
course. Party platform pledges v
be fulfilled, if possible, but lab
farmers or other pressure groups v
definitely not be in the driver's se
Mr. Truman will issue the orders.

Sober reflection on election resu
brings out the fact that the elector
was about fifty-fifty for Truman a
Dewey. It is said that 88,000 additio
votes cast for Dewey in the key sta
of Ohio, Illinois and California wo
have made the New York gover
president. No good politician w
make moves which would aliena
fifty per cent of the American peop

Nevertheless Washington is swar
ing with lobbyists of interests who a
claiming they "won the election" a
insisting on being "paid off." Someo
is going to be disappointed.

Socialized Medicine?

Official Washington seems to
moving rapidly toward "socializ
medicine."

Thousands die each year who co
and should be saved. The nation lo
not less than $27,000,000,000 annua
through sickness. The record of Sel
tive Service revealed 5,000,000 phy
cally and mentally unfit for milita
service. Each day, on the average,
800 people die, and twenty-three p
cent of these deaths are preve
able.

These facts and figures are advanc
in *The Nation's Health*, the rep
given by Dr. Oscar E. Ewing, Fede
Security Administrator,, in response
a special request by President Trum

Dr. Ewing holds that "the Feder
State health program already un
way must be expanded. We must ha
more hospitals, more doctors, m
dentists. Half of the families of
country at this time cannot aff
adequate medical attention. Our we
to-do families jeopardize their o
health interests if they do not conc
themselves more seriously about
health of their poor neighbors. We n
not like socialized medicine and g
ernmental controls, but we
definitely moving that way."

The medical fraternity may not l
to be told to enlarge its ranks a
lower its fees and to do some ot
hard, hard things. But it will do w
to ponder what Dr. Ewing and
experts have to say.

UEA EDITORIAL

E AND THE DPs

TATESMANLIKE dealing with the Displaced Persons problem (see page 7) is guaranteed evangelicals by recent action of the Executive mmittee of the National Association of Evangeli-

A competent committee has been appointed to vass the situation both in Europe and America, ount the cost in personnel, time and money and ecommend an adequate program at the institu-al level. Since last September the Washington ce of the NAE has been cooperating with the ernment in "processing" DPs. This work is con-ing at the individual level. But greater activity contemplated. UEA will keep its constituency rmed of new devlopments.

Meanwhile let us all be in prayer for our un-tunate brethren in Europe's DP camps and stand dy to alleviate their suffering and give them a start in America as opportunity offers. Funds now being received at Chicago for this impor-t work.

CIETY'S ONLY HOPE

HRISTIANITY is the one great moral hope of society. Evangelicals believe that the supreme objective of the Church is to seek and save lost, according to the command of Christ. But also believe that every Christian has a moral gation to society. The impact of Christian nking and living in the midst of a pagan world ever been the great dynamic which has made enlightenment and advance.

With society evidently succumbing to secular-, animalism, commercialism and atheism it is tinent to ask whether the Church is any longer arbiter of social morality. If not, why not?

It is clear to us that the primary reason for ristianity's weakness lies in its departure from truth and life as revealed in Christ. Where re is no intelligent and convicting belief there is motivation to morality. Christianity has not ed at the fountain-head but it is not changing iety because its disciples have failed to believe nd live it.

Governor Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota, aking to a group of Christian laymen the other said—

We have failed to put Christianity into practice in our es. That is why we have one of every three marriages minating in divorce, and juvenile delinquency is an e problem.

We have even failed to put it into practice in our churches in many instances. That is why we have nity and ineffectiveness in much of our work.

We have failed to put it into practice in manage-t-labor relations and that is why we have work stop-pages, vindictiveness, bitterness between these two great groups in our society.

We have failed to put it into practice in politics and government. That is why we have dishonesty and corruption—disregard and disrespect for law.

We have failed to put it into practice in our treatment of minority groups. That is why we have race riots, intolerance, and bigotry.

We have failed to put it into practice in our international relations. That is why we have war.

Clearly the lines are being drawn in our World between the spiritual and moral forces on the one hand and godless materialism and communism on the other. Leadership for the truth and right must come from a revitalized church or all is lost. Are we willing to pay the price for victory?

LITERARY DOOMSDAY

MR. Clifton Fadiman, the noted litterateur, lays no claim to being either preacher or prophet. Yet, the other evening when he was lecturing at the University of Cincinnati he might have passed for a modern Jeremiah.

Mr. Fadiman was discussing current literature. Instead of giving unrelated thumb-nail sketches of the latest books he discussed them as reflecting a general mood of humanity. He said all the books worthy of the name had the same "character." In some he was the hero or the villain; in others merely an objective element of reality.

This "character" reflects the widely accepted belief that humanity is rotten and that our civilization is doomed, said Mr. Fadiman. There is absolutely no hope in men's minds for the future of things as they are.

The current books, he contended, deal with this "character" in two ways—(1) with a pessimistic fatalism and (2) with an irrational mysticism. Only in the latter is any hope held for humanity. The former type of book is in the majority.

When the stunned audience was given an opportunity to ask questions in an open forum period, one question was: "Might we not call this 'character' in its objective form, sin; and in its personalized form, Satan?" Mr. Fadiman unhesitatingly replied, "If we were living in medieval times the answer to your question would be an unequivocal 'yes'."

Never in human history has there been a deeper consciousness of impending doom than now. If men could realize that they are lost in sin and that Christ is their Saviour we might have a tremendous revival and see human hopelessness turned into happy, victorious advance. This, Mr. Fadiman did not admit. In fact, he left his audience without any hope.

On second thought, he reminds us not so much of a Jeremiah as he does of a Balaam.

EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

Communism Infiltrates American Churches

The House Un-American Activities Committee released on November 22 a statement in which it declared that Communists are seeking to "corrupt" religion in the United States by infiltrating the Church and church organizations.

Views of the House group are set forth in a pamphlet entitled "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."

"You can not be a Communist and believe in God," the report said.

The committee warned that "if the Reds should seize power in this country you would have to choose at once between the Church and Communism; if you should choose the Church, then prepare for persecution."

Here are some of the 100 questions and answers supplied by the committee:

Q.: Are Communists trying to corrupt religion in the USA."

A.: Yes.

Q.: What is their method?

A.: The Communist party of the United States assigns members to join churches and church organizations, in order to take control where possible and in any case to influence thought and action toward Communist ends. It forms "front" organizations designed to attract "fellow travelers" with religious interests. It tries to get prominent religious leaders to support Communist policies, disguised as welfare work for minorities or oppressed groups.

Among such alleged fronts, the committee listed:

(1)—The People's Institute of Applied Religion, described in the report as "one of the most vicious Communist organizations ever set up in this country. Declared subversive by the Attorney General."

(2)—The Methodist Federation for Social Action—"a tool of the Communist party, denounced by numerous loyal American Methodists."

(3)—*The Protestant*—"a magazine which fanatically spreads Communist propaganda under the guise of being a religious journal. Its avowed purpose is to 'build a bridge' between Christendom and Communism."

The House Committee said that if Communism should come to the United States, the Reds would destroy every copy of the Bible they could find and "jail anybody trying to print new copies."

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—UNITED ACTION—

Education Commission Plans Its 1949 Program

CHICAGO.—At a recent meeting of the NAE Education Commission's Executive Committee plans were formulated for the 1949 convention to be held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago from April 19 to 22.

The program of the Commission will center around the textbook problem on every level of Christian education. Some time will also be devoted to the report of the committee drafting a Christian philosophy of education, headed by Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, headmaster of the Stony Brook School. Stimulating sessions are being planned for the group meetings as well as for the general sessions of the Commission.

A gratifying growth in interest was noted in the work of the National Association of Christian Schools, in the teacher placement service and in other phases of the work of the Commission.

Many Activities Planned In Wyoming Valley NAE

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — The Wyoming Valley Bible School under the auspices of the local NAE committee will open December 5.

Courses in introductory Bible will be taught by the following pastors in their churches: Rev. Harry P. Farr, Memorial Presbyterian; Rev. Peter Scholes, Nanticoke, Primitive Methodist; Rev. Harold Hatton, Cherry Street PM, Plymouth; Rev. William Smith, Sherman Street PM; Rev G. G. Berry, Bethel Baptist.

Courses in the Epistles to the Hebrews will be taught by Rev. E. I. Jacobson, Wayside Mission; Rev. W. A. R. Gilbride, Plymouth Welsh Baptist.

Rev. Mr. Berry reports that a mi winter Christian Youth institute is be held for school children fro fourth to eighth grade and those high school and upward at Wilkes C lege, Dec. 28.

A youth rally was held November in Firwood Church of Christ, Rev. H. Heffelfinger, minister, with Dr. L. Aldrich of Monterey, Calif., speaker.

From November 21-December evangelicals are cooperating in t meeting being held here by J. C. Massee of Winona Lake.

Phoenix Evangelicals In War Relief Drive

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Phoenix is sho ing real interest in evangelical operation. A recent meeting of eva gelical pastors in the First Missio ary Church resulted in the creati of a permanent NAE committee.

Rev. Tillman Habbegger of Fi Missionary Church was chosen pre dent; Rev. Leland B. Entrekin the Heart to Heart Chapel, vice pre dent (he has a statewide broadcast NBC stations in Arizona); Rev. Le nardo S. Mercado, of the Pan Ame can Bible Institute, secretary; and Re Claude O. Wood, pastor of the Fi Assembly of God, treasurer. This co mittee plans to have a city wide Ra to begin an area wide clothing drive

Dr. Henry E. Hedrick, NAE regio al director, was present to adv Phoenix leaders. At an evening me ing sponsored by the Brotherhood the First Missionary Church Dr. He rick addressed over 250 concerni the work of the NAE.

Arrangements have been conclud with Mutual Station KOLL and A Station KPHO to carry NAE susta ing programs in Phoenix.

St. Lawrence County Organizes NAE Group

LISBON. N. Y.—At a recent me ing represented by twelve ministers the area, the St. Lawrence Coun National Association of Evangelica was formed and an application for charter sent to the NAE headquarte office in Chicago. Dr. Stephen Paine, president of the NAE, spo to the group, bringing them inform tion concerning the purposes of t national organization.

Coolidge Radio To Air Programs

COOLIDGE, Ariz.—The Coolid Association of Evangelicals has rece ly been formed with officers as f lows: Rev. Clyde W. Rather of t Church of the Nazarene, preside Rev. O. T. Bolton, Southern Bapti vice president; Rev. Snider of the A sembly of God, secretary-treasur

Radio Committee chairman is Earl M. Ward of the Community rch (Presbyterian).
ne local radio station KCKY, ugh its manager Mr. Wm. F. lay, has offered the CAE fifteen utes sustaining time daily and the E station which covers Arizona.

son Association Plans Growing Work

UCSON, Ariz. — The Tucson As- iation of Evangelicals is function- effectively.
utual Station KCNA, Tucson, is ying an NAE transcribed radio gram for thirteen weeks. The dcast occurs on Sunday mornings n 11:15 to 11:30 a. m.
n area clothing drive for NAE Relief is being launched.

-CHAPLAINCY—

urches to Expedite Chaplaincy Programs

ASHINGTON, D. C.— (RNS) — ny, Navy and Air Force chaplains nding the semi-annual meeting e of the General Commission on plains called upon American rches to accelerate their chaplain- programs in order to keep step h the growing military establish- nt.
he servicemen also appealed to the rches to stem what was described a growing lack of concern among lian clergymen for the needs of h chaplains and servicemen and nen.
spokesman for Major Gen. Luther Miller, Army Chief of Chaplains, ealed that plans were in prepara- n for setting up a reserve chaplains ps comprising young clergymen who recently entered the ministry. It s said this move was an effort to ain young chaplains for young ser- emen.

—EDUCATION—

$400,000 Needed for Women's Dormitory

HARRISONBURG, Va.—Because of increased enrollment during the past years, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Mennonite College has announced it will proceed with building of a new Women's Dormitory as soon as sufficient funds are available to justify beginning construction. It is hoped by Acting President John R. Mumaw and other leaders that the program of solicitation now being launched by Field Secretary John S. Heistand will bring in the $400,000 needed to complete the building.

Hanson Is Inaugurated New President of LBI

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.— Dr. Oscar C. Hanson was recently installed as president of the Lutheran Bible Institute at Central Lutheran Church here. He succeeds Dr. Samuel Miller. Dr. Hanson has for the past seven years served as executive secretary of the Young People's Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Bible Institute has enrolled over 2,000 in its Bible correspondence courses this year.

The program of the institute includes the day school in Minneapolis with 348 students, evening classes with 225 students, the correspondence department, the Bible teaching mission program, the Mt. Carmel summer program, the missionary training course, the "Psalm of Life" daily radio broadcast over nine stations, and the distribution of the printed word through Bible study guides, helps, tracts, pamphlets, and books.

Since 1944, LBI has operated a Northwest Extension in Seattle, Wash., with a full schedule of day school and evening classes. This fall the Lutheran Bible Institute opened a day school in the Eastern Extension with classes conducted in the parish hall of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, New York City, Dr. Victor Beck, pastor.

Sixteen ordained pastors from six Lutheran synods comprise the present faculty of the Lutheran Bible Institute.

500 Enrollment Taxes Facilities

MARION, Ind.—Facilities of Marion College, which began the year with an enrollment of five hundred, are being taxed to the utmost. During the year two new buildings have been completed—the library classroom and the physical education classroom. The latter building now houses the bookstore and also a general recreation room in which a "snack shop" is to be installed.

The most crowded facility of the college, according to leaders, is the chapel, and the most pressing need is a men's dormitory. A campaign for the new men's building, to be called the Williams Memorial Building, has already been authorized by the Board of the college.

American Lutherans Promote Day Schools

FT. WAYNE, Ind.—At the annual convention of the Christian Day School teachers of the American Lutheran Church here it was reported that the enrollment in ALC schools increased by 300 pupils since September, 1947. This increase represents a seventeen per cent gain in one year.

In 1943, when statistics were first published, there were 1,394 pupils in twenty-eight ALC schools. Since then there has been an average of seven and one-half per cent yearly increase until in 1947 the enrollment reached 1,966 pupils.

In Los Angeles County, California, five new ALC schools have been opened recently. In addition, the Evan-

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY ENROLLS STUDENTS FROM TWENTY-FIVE COUNTRIES

Among the colleges of the nation which are opening their doors to foreign students, Bob Jones University stands high th seventy students from twenty-five countries—Canada, Haiti, Jamaica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Cuba, Venezuela, Argen- a, Mexico, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands, Korea, China, India, Palestine, Egypt, French West Africa, Northern odesia, Belgian Congo, Russia, Switzerland, France, Finland, England and Scotland. Some of the students have lived this country before, but many have come to America this year for the first time. Some were born on foreign fields, children American missionaries. Despite language handicaps and strange customs, the foreign students have proved themselves asset to the students, especially in language classes and to the some five hundred who are studying to be foreign ssionaries.

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gelical Lutheran church opened three schools, and the United Lutheran Church opened two.

The two-day convention, attended by seventy-five teachers, pastors, and visitors, culminated in the adoption of a new constitution under which the name of the group is changed from "American Lutheran Teachers' Conference" to "Christian Day School Association of the American Lutheran Church."

The new constitution also provides that the association members will become patrons of the Lutheran Education Association (Missouri Synod), a group of Lutheran educators engaged in research and publicity in the cause of Christian education.

RADIO

Missouri Lutherans In Radio Conference

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(RNS)—The first annual Lutheran Radio Conference was held here under the auspices of the Radio Committee of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Among the speakers were Prof. G. Christian Barth, president of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.; Arthur L. Miller, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, St. Louis: and the Rev. Walter A. Maier, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Topics discussed at the conference included the broadcasting of studio programs and church services, the importance of the human voice, utilization of radio programs in the education work of the Church, building an educational FM station, the ministry of music in radio work, and television.

Showers of Blessings Now on 150 Stations

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Nazarene Radio League's broadcast "Showers of Blessings" which started with 37 stations has grown to 150 stations. Included in this number are fifteen foreign stations which give coverage in South Africa, China, Philippine Islands, Australia, Hawaii, Barbados, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica and many countries in South America.

Several radio stations in Spanish-speaking lands have offered free airtime if the NRL will provide a good Spanish-language broadcast. Plans are now being made to buy up the opportunity.

Dr. T. W Willingham is executive director of the League.

BENEVOLENCE

Baptist Home and Center Dedicated

CINCINNATI, Ohio — More than 1,000 people attended ceremonies and heard addresses incident to the recent dedication of the new Baptist Home and Center here. A committee headed by Dr. Leland J. Powell, pastor of Norwood Baptist Church in Greater Cincinnati, was appointed five years ago to search for a suitable property for this long-needed Home. The property secured consists of eighteen acres, a magnificent brick structure of thirty rooms, a large barn which is to be converted into an assembly roo and offices, and three tenant houses

The purpose of the project is thre fold: (1) To provide a home for me bers of the Baptist constituency w have passed the period of activity; (to provide a place for recreation purposes for young people, and (to provide a definite place for la assemblies.

Boys' Center Planned By Evangelical Group

CHICAGO—(RNS)—"God's Acre an evangelical equivalent of Nebra ka's famous Boys Town,will be open shortly about fifty miles northea of here.

Director of the refuge for waywa and homeless youngsters will be Re Peter Tanis, who makes nation-wi tours to visit jails and juvenile hom in his capacity as an evangelical Pro estant chaplain.

"God's Acres" will be established a 650-acre farm. Clergymen a churches of the Chicago area will operate in the venture, and a drive $125,000 for the new center is n under way.

Planned for young men from fou teen to twenty-one, the center is tended for boys paroled from sta institutions. It will accommodate 2

"The school is planned as a pla where unfortunate boys will be al to get to know the Lord," Mr. Ta said. "When they leave God's Acr after a year they will have the kno ledge and the confidence to meet problems of everyday life on a spiri al basis."

Two hours of Bible study each d will be included in the center's c riculum. In addition, there will be hours of daily work on the farm or learning trades. Carpenters, contra tors and other tradesmen will serve volunteer instructors.

INTER - CHURCH

Swiss Pastor to Head Presbyterian Alliance

GENEVA —(RNS)— Rev. Marc Pradervand, a Swiss staff member the World Council of Churches, h been named executive secretary of t Alliance of Reformed Churches Ho ing the Presbyterian System.

Announcement of the appointme was made by a sub-committee of t Alliance executive committee co posed of Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hoo Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, Dr. Be jamin Bush and Rev. Max Domini

Pastor Pradervand will direct a coordinate the world-wide activities the Alliance from an office to opened at the headquarters of t World Council of Churches here.

Creation of the post of execut secretary and establishment of Geneva office for the Alliance w authorized last August when the liance held its sixteenth general co cil here. Pastor Pradervand assu his new post next January 1.

Christendom Will Merge With Ecumenical Review

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Merger *Christendom*, a quarterly publis here to serve the cause of Christ

, with *The Ecumenical Review*, a
v official organ of the ecumenical
ment, was announced by the New
office of the World Council of
ches.
e *Review* will be issued from Ge-
world headquarters of the Coun-
but H. Paul Douglass, editor of
tendom, will continue as an as-
te editor of the new combined
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e autumn number of *Christendom*
be the last published under that

eral Council Meeting iscusses Major Issues

NCINNATI.—(RNS)—More than
Protestant leaders in the United
es and Canada are attending the
nial meeting of the Federal Coun-
f Churches in Cincinnati, Dec. 1-3.
x issues of major concern to the
ty-five member Churches of the
ncil are under extensive considera-
at the sessions: the development
greater lay participation and lea-
hip in the Church; ministry to
people; plans for the United
ngelistic Advance; programs and
ies of the Church in the field of
an rights; responsibility of the
rch in dealing with juvenile delin-
ncy; and responsibility of the
rican Church for displaced per-
and overseas aid.
eviews of the international situa-
from the Church standpoint will
iven by John Foster Dulles, foreign
y expert; and Leighton J. Stuart,
assador to China.
nother highlight of the meeting
be the submission of a report on
progress made in effecting the
ger of the Federal Council and
e n o t h e r interdenominational
ps into the proposed National
ncil of Churches. This report will
given by Dr. Luther A. Weigle,
rman of the planning committee.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

ois Justice Backs eligion in Schools

PRINGFIELD, Ill.—(RNS)—Jus-
Charles H. Thompson of the Illi-
Supreme Court told a religious
ering here that neither the Feder-
or the Illinois constitutions pro-
voluntary religion classes in the
ic schools.
sserting it was not the intent of
Founding Fathers of America to
ish religious activities in the pub-
chools, Justice Thompson declared
"a reasonable interpretation of
Federal and state documents would
"render voluntary religious edu-
on classes unlawful."
stice Thompson wrote the opinion
he Illinois high court when that
unanimously ruled that religious
cation in public schools does
violate the U. S. or Illinois
titutions. The court thus rejected
appeal by Mrs. Vashti McCollum,
sought to halt religious education
es in Champaign, Ill., schools.
McCollum was subsequently up-
and the Illinois Supreme Court
ruled, by the United States Su-
ne Court.
The language of the national Con-
tion," Justice Thompson said, "does not prohibit voluntary religious instruction in the schools. It merely states that Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

"In their wisdom the Founding Fathers saw that there must be no alliance between the State and any religion, but in the very spirit of the Constitution they recognized the principle that the religious tendencies of our citizens must find free expression. Those who read into the First Amendment of the Constitution any denial of this privilege are reading something that is not there and was never intended to be there."

Divorce Permitted In South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(RNS)—South Carolina has lost its unique position as the only state in the nation completely outlawing divorce.

Based on returns of 1,000 of the state's 1,296 precincts, an amendment to the constitution to permit divorce had 35,508 favorable votes and 23,231 unfavorable ones.

The amendment will permit divorces in South Carolina for adultery, physical cruelty, desertion or habitual drunkenness.

Birth Control Is Defeated at Polls

BOSTON—Defeat of a birth control measure by about 200,000 votes was one of the results of the Massachusetts elections.

The measure, sponsored by the Planned Parenthood League and strongly opposed by the Roman Catholic Church, would have permitted Massachusetts doctors to prescribe contraceptives for married women whose health would be endangered by pregnancy.

The "liberal" s t a t e Council of Churches favored the measure.

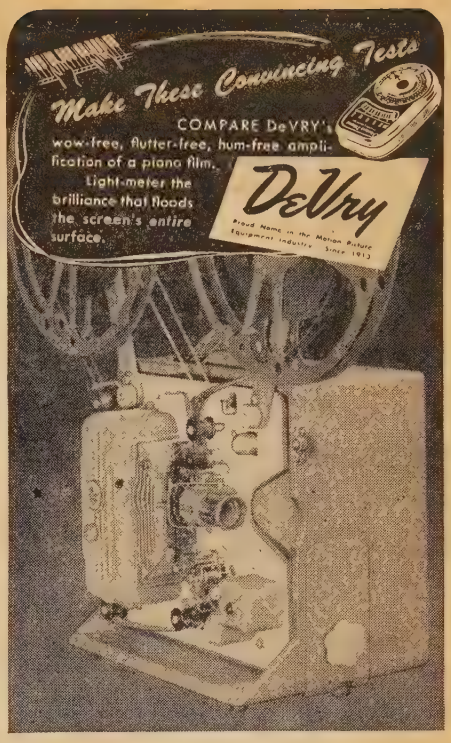
N. Y. Supreme Court Okehs "Released-Time"

KINGSTON, N. Y.—(RNS)— Releasing public school children from classes so that they may attend religious education courses is constitutional in New York State, it was ruled here by State Supreme Court Justice Roscoe V. Elsworth in a most significant decision.

Justice Elsworth dismissed a petition of Joseph Lewis, president of the Free Thinkers Society of America, who asked that the released-time practice be halted. The justice ruled the petition failed to show facts sufficient for a cause of action.

Lewis' petition was based on a United States Supreme Court decision of last March which resulted from an action brought by Mrs. Vashti McCollum of Champaign, Ill., who contended that public school systems may not be used to assist religious groups in giving instruction about their beliefs.

Justice Elsworth ruled his court could "neither in law nor in conscience hold that the programs here assailed are constitutionally condemned by the McCollum decision," which outlawed religious instruction in public schools. The New York State education law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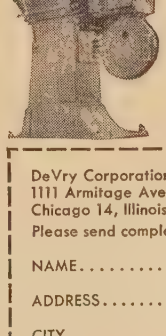

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Chang Calls for Prayer for China

PASADENA, Calif. — Peter Chang, founder of the Peiping Student Christian Association in China and now a student in Fuller Theological Seminary here, has called for international prayer for China..

Several thousand copies of Chang's letter have been dispatched to Chinese Christian workers, many of them interested in the China Prayer Movement.

"The Nanking government is bad," remarked Chang, "but the Communist is worse. If the Communist controls China, that means the Gospel cannot be preached to China anymore." He pointed out that China's collapsing economy was thrown into still deeper chaos on November 1, and that the end of Chiang Kai-shek's regime may come within three months, consequent upon the fall of the whole of Manchuria. Chang reported that United States dollars are being blackmarketed at a rate of sixty million Chinese to one U. S. dollar in Peiping; a Chinese pound of Manchurian rice was valued at 240 million dollars on August 17 in the capital of Manchuria.

Chang declared that in the crucial momentary situation in China neither a thousand missionaries nor millions of United States dollars would avail to accomplish what the effective prayers of Christians around the world could achieve.

"We are all in the same spiritual struggle," he declared. "The fight against secularism and paganism is now world wide. Only Christ Jesus can conquer it."

President Truman Okehs Church-State Separation

BOSTON,—President Harry S. Truman declares that separation of church and state and the support of religious organizations by individuals has answered a problem which has "plagued humanity" at various times in other countries.

The President's statement was part of a letter to Jacob Aronson of New York City, chairman of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who made it public before the opening of the organization's seventy-fifth anniversary convention here.

"No one, I am sure," said the President, "will dispute the fact that the American formula of religious liberty and freedom for persons of all faiths has been a contributing factor in the development of the American way of life that we call democracy.

"Separation of church and state on the one hand, and the encouragement and support of religious organizations by individuals on the other hand, has successfully answered the problem that in other countries, and in other times, has plagued humanity."

Holds Bible Course Is Legal in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. —(RNS) — Teaching the King James version of the Bible from an historical, narrative, biographical or literary standpoi without reference to any religious se has not been outlawed by any ruli of the United States Supreme Cou

That opinion was offered here Albert A. Carmichael, Attorney G eral for Alabama. It was given answer to a request by the st superintendent of education. The visory opinion held that local boards education could lawfully accept don tions and gifts to finance the cost such instruction.

Dr. A. R. Meadows, state supere tendent of education, asked for opinion in connection with the f that the city of Birmingham was co sidering a plan for non-sectarian Bi instruction as a course in literatu and not as a course in religious ed cation.

Carmichael said the King James ble is not sectarian and that such course was not prohibited by the S preme Court ruling forbidding reli ous instruction in public schools.

"Protestant-United" to Issue New Statements

WASHINGTON, D. C.— (RNS) New pronouncements on the subject Church-State separation are predi ed for the first anniversary of Protestant manifesto which announc the formation of Protestants and Oth Americans United for Separation Church and State.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive sec tary of Protestants-United, said pronoucements are expected to foll the first annual meeting of group's 125-member national adviso committee scheduled here for Jan ary 27.

PRESS

139th Anniversary of the New York Bible Society

NEW YORK.— The New York Bi Society will commemorate its 13 anniversary with three observances Universal Bible Sunday: In Harle December 5, at 3:30 p.m., in the James Presbyterian church, with Samuel Sweeney as the speaker; Brooklyn, December 12, at 3:30 p. in the Baptist Temple with Dr. W liam Ward Ayer as the speaker; a in Manhattan, December 12, at 8 p. in the Marble Collegiate church, wi Dr. Norman Vincent Peale as speaker.

YOUTH

Young Life Campaign Reaching Many Youth

DALLAS, Tex.—Young Life Ca paign this fall is in its eighth y of evangelism among America's hi school students with a true succ story to tell.

More than 100 volunteer leaders assisting the twenty-five full-ti staff members in thirteen states fr coast to coast. Many of these are c verts from Young Life clubs dur the past seven years who spent period of intensive study at You Life's Leadership Training Confere at Star Ranch in Colorado this p summer.

Jim Rayburn, field director, repo

the annual board of directors' ng in Dallas that more than 125 g Life converts are now prepar- or Christian service in Bible ls and colleges across the coun- and that 589 young people at- d summer camp at Young Life's iful Star Ranch, just outside of ado Springs in addition to other nal Young Life camps across the ry. The year was concluded with bill paid. John E. Mitchell, Jr., 's manufacturer, was reelected man of the board of directors.

ENOMINATIONS—

cial Presbyterianism enies FCC Information

CHMOND, Va.—Southern Presby- ns will be denied information and ervative interpretation concerning affairs of the Federal Council of rches if the Mobile Presbytery has vay.

the last meeting of the General mbly of the denomination a com- ise was reached regarding the osed merger with the Northern ch by which both sides pledged nselves to cease agitation on the for the time being. At the same the Assembly voted continuance s relations with the FCC despite opposition of a large number of byteries. "Liberal" elements favor- the merger and the FCC now try ake it appear that the compromise ded a pledge against agitation of FCC issue.

r. L. E. Faulkner, prominent lay- of Hattiesburg, Miss., and ag- sive opponent of the FCC is now ing to obtain lists of elders in all byteries so that he may keep them rmed on the FCC issue. He does so the assumption that all official in- nation sent out from denomination- headquarters is baised in favor of FCC and does not give a complete ure of the situation. The Mobile sbytery has refused to supply a of elders. It is expected that all r FCC resbyteries will follow suit.

nonites Ship id to Paraguay

KRON, Pa.—(RNS)—A shipment our complete saw mills to Men- te refugees in Paraguay has been unced by the Mennonite Central mittee here.

he unique aid project, designed ssist some 2,000 Mennonites emi- ed from Europe, also includes cultural tools.

d-fashioned hand-powered farm ements are being shipped because he lack of power facilities in the nonite settlement in Paraguay.

sbyterian Curriculum een as Ominous Portent

HILADELPHIA. — Evangelical byterians view "The New Presby- n Curriculum for Sunday Schools" another ominous development in Northern Church's trend toward ralism."

is seven years since its prepara- was begun by the Board of stian Education. Sunday Schools ughout the Church are being urged to adopt it in place of the lessons previously used. Large claims are made in its behalf. It is represented as a distinct advance over all previous curriculums and as an event of importance not only for Presbyterians but for evangelicals everywhere.

A searching critique of the new curriculum has been written by the well-known scholar, Dr. Oswald T. Allis. After being printed in the *Sunday School Times* (325 N. 13th St., Philadelphia 5, Pa.) it was reprinted in pamphlet form and is obtainable for fifteen cents each with special rates for quantity orders. Dr. Allis indicts the New Curriculum on five main counts: (1) the Bible is given a secondary rather than the central place; (2) its reading books conflict with the Bible; (3) the Bible is loosely and incorrectly quoted; (4) it employs unscriptural simplifications; and (5) it is modernistic.

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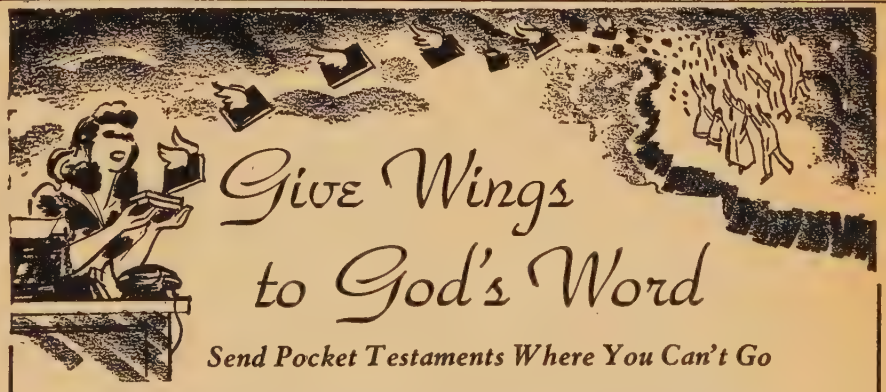
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Oregon Baptist Liberals Oust All Conservatives

PORTLAND, Ore.—Representatives of fifty-one of this state's ninety Baptist churches were ousted from the Oregon Baptist State Convention here by a 212 to 171 vote.

The ousted representatives are members of the conservative element among Baptist churches. They have long evinced dissatisfaction with the "modernistic" and "liberal" activities of their parent organization, the Northern Baptist Convention.

Their ouster was presaged some time ago when the state board of control of the Oregon Baptist Convention passed a resolution declaring that only those churches cooperating with the Northern Baptist Convention program would be admitted to the state Convention.

The state board's committee on credentials and enrollment then passed on every member church in the state, disqualifying many of them.

When the Convention met here a bitter three-hour fight ensued, with the conservatives losing a motion to seat them. Only qualified delegates were allowed to vote, according to reports.

Liberals and NBC machine men, charged that the conservatives failed to cooperate with the Northern Baptist Convention and had sent their own missionaries into the field.

Following the vote, the conservatives issued a rally call and those ousted assembled at the Hinson Memorial Baptist church where they appointed a seven-man committee to make plans for future action.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Convention tendered a "conciliatory" note to the fifty-one churches assuring them of the Convention's "desire to cooperate with them in all areas where we can act in harmony for the cause of Christ."

Approve Formation of an All-Lutheran Conference

DETROIT—(RNS)—Steps that may lead to the eventual merger of all the Lutheran Churches in America were proposed by the American Lutheran Conference at its ninth biennial convention here.

By unanimous vote, the delegates endorsed a proposal for the permanent organization of an All-Lutheran Free Conference, which would include the eighth participating bodies of the National Lutheran Council, and also the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, if that body expresses a desire to take part.

California Group Opposes Congregationalist Merger

LOS ANGELES—(RNS)—Proposed merger of the Congregational-Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church was opposed at a meeting here of leaders of twenty-four South California Congregational churches.

At the meeting, 225 representatives of churches that have voted against the merger organized themselves as the Council of Southern California Congregational Churches.

In an adopted resolution the Council opposed union "as set forth in its present form." They announced th unwillingness to surrender local chur autonomy "which began in Amer when the Pilgrims began the Cong gational Church at Plymouth in 162

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HILLSBORO, Kans.—The histo Gnadenau Church, birthplace of t Krimmer Mennonite Brethren chur in America, was recent host to t sixty-ninth session of the KMB C ference of North America. Includ in the program were sessions of t women's missionary society, ministe and young people, as well as committ meetings, inspirational talks, open d cussions and special music, climax with a Harvest Thanksgiving and M sion Festival.

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W YORK—(RNS)—Defeat was
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ests for Liquor Crime 4,320,338 Since Repeal

HICAGO.—Since the repeal of the
teenth amendment, arrests for
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Comparing arrests for those four liquor offenses in 1932 (last year of prohibition) with those reported by the FBI in 1947, the Foundation finds that such arrests recorded in the principal cities, increased from 1,726.3 per 100,000 in 1932 to 3,297.6 in 1947, an increase of 91.1% per 100,000 population.

During the repeal period, to date, on the basis of these offficial records arrests for drunkenness increased 197.18% per 100,000 in the cities reported by the FBI; while arrests for driving-while-intoxicated have risen 122.8% per 100,000 in the same time.

—LAYMEN—

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(RNS)—A Bible on the desk of every Baptist businessman is one of the hopes of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

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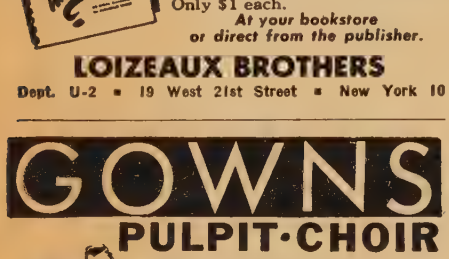

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EVANGELISM

United Spiritual Advance Stirs Minneapolis Churches

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Congregations of fifty-five Minneapolis Protestant churches representing twelve denominations are looking back with thanksgiving to God for a unique and successful United Spiritual Advance revival campaign held from October 17-31.

The Advance was different in that no mass meetings were scheduled. All services were held in the fifty-five cooperating churches. Pastors of the churches met each morning for prayer, special lectures and discussions on revival directed by Dr. Armin O. Gesswein of Pasadena, California, world authority on revival in the Christian church.

So deep was the moving of the Holy Spirit, however, that a meeting called for the final Sunday evening following the regular church services drew 1,600 people to the auditorium of the First Covenant church in downtown Minneapolis—Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor—for a praise and revival-prayer meeting.

Dr. Victor B. Nelson, pastor of the Aldrich Ave. Presbyterian church and chairman of the Advance, revealed at a concluding business-meeting luncheon that two campaigns along similar lines are possibilities for 1949. One would be held in the spring and another the last two weeks of October. Morning prayer meetings for pastors and a ministerial retreat also are planned for the next few months.

Thousands of homes in Minneapolis were visited by a throng of 1,000 church members from twenty-five of the churches which stressed home visitation evangelism during the two weeks. Many professions of faith were made by Minneapolis people right in their homes.

In addition to Dr. Gesswein, who spoke in various churches in the evenings and on Sundays, speakers included Dr. J. Edwin Orr of London, England; Dr. Roy Laurin of Pasadena, Calif.; Rev. Peter Eldersveld of Chicago, radio voice of the Christian Reformed Church "Back to God Hour;" Dr. Harold L. Lundquist and Brig. Oscar Blomgren of Chicago; Rev. Evald Conrad of Minneapolis, Don Lonie of Detroit, Mich., and many others.

Wilson Meetings Win Over 400 at Waterloo

WATERLOO, Ia.—"Greatest meetings since Billy Sunday was here sixteen years ago" is the way Waterloo people are describing the two-week, city-wide Union Evangelistic Campaign held in the Walnut Street Baptist Church from October 17 - 31 with Rev. T. W. Wilson as the speaker. Wilson was the man who was used of God to see over 6,000 conversions in the British Isles last winter.

Old-fashioned revival fires were fe from the first night on. After t final meeting was over, a count of t decision cards revealed that 441 pe sons had made a profession of fai in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. these, 289 were adults. A large pe centage of the converts had litt church background and no speci church preference. The local ministe were given their names for follow-u and church preference.

Capacity and overflow crowds fill the Walnut Street Church nightl From twenty-five to fifty decisio were made each night. Dr. R. Ketcham, director of the campaig

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—MISSIONS—

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OOKLYN, N. Y.—In the fourteen revival, sponsored by a number of vangelical churches of Brooklyn, neetings being held nightly in the ificent Baptist Temple, there 548 professions of faith and 220 ications. Evangelist Hyman Ap-n was the preacher and Homer n was the song leader.
ring the meetings an extraordi-number, scores, of Roman Catho-rofessed faith in the Lord Jesus t. Among the number of converts, were four Jewish men, one of a prominent doctor.

MS Progress Marked ith Fifth Anniversary

ICAGO — On December 15 the rvative Baptist Foreign Mission ty marks completion of five years issionary advance. When the So-was formed it had no financial ie, no missionaries under appoint-, and no foreign fields available ts use. On its fifth anniversary rganization has 161 missionaries appointment, 100 of whom are ing on ten foreign fields; 33 ns, mostly in pioneer territory, been opened and the income of Society is over a half-million dol-annually. The CBFMS now has nal offices in San Francisco and York City, with headquarters at Vellington Avenue, Chicago.

ign Mission Board Has 49 Budget of $3,000,000

CHMOND, Va. — (BP) — The gn Mission Board of the Southern ist Convention in session at its quarters here adopted a 1949 et of $2,937,617, which was $18,-nore than the budget recommend-the executive staff.
this amount, $2,625,877 is for on work overseas, and $285,290 for home office. According to this et $409,036 will be used in direct gelistic activity in 25 geographical abroad, $260,026 for schools, 50 for medical work, $101,511 for ture, and $1,135,700 for personnel. P. Buxton treasurer, reported re-s for the first nine months of totaling $4,500,000, of which $2,-14 were provided by the denomi-n's Southwide Cooperative Pro-. This sum exceeds last year's et receipts for the same period 61,152. The Board's invested funds $5,430,928.

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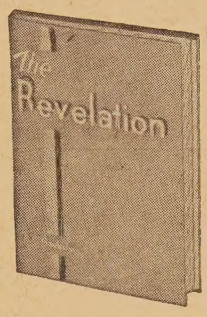

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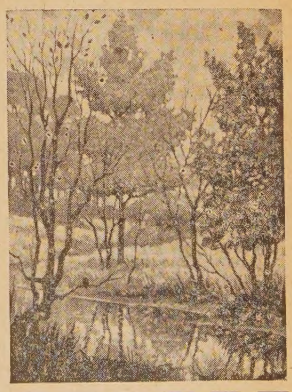

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total of $450,000, or an average of nearly $11 per adult member, was contributed during the year. During this same period a total of thirty-six missionaries sailed to the mission fields. Plans made for the coming year include recruiting suitable personnel to fill twenty-five existing vacancies as well as volunteers to expand the work into new areas. This program is now in operation in twenty-two mission fields.

Other achievements during the past year include the opening of a new field in China and one in Southern Rhodesia, Africa; treatment of 80,000 patients in Free Methodist mission clinics and hospitals; 17,000 students given instruction in mission day and boarding schools; building of a hospital now nearing completion in the Congo Nile field; the preliminary work toward opening two hospitals in South Africa; plans for re-opening a hospital in India soon; and in addition an extensive building and improvement program involving churches, schools and mission residences in several other fields.

The need for establishing permanent missionary work was summed up by the General Missionary Secretary, Dr. Byron S. Lamson, in his report on the work when he said, "Truth must take on flesh and blood and live among men."

Gordon Holds Annual Missions Conference

BOSTON, Mass.—The Tenth Annual Missionary Conference of Gordon College of Theology and Missions was held at Gordon College Nov. 15 to 19.

The speakers were Miss Anne Blackman of the Wycliffe Bible Translators; Miss Minnie Kent of the China Inland Mission; Miss Elizabeth Evans of the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals; Dr. Hyman Appelman, internationally known Hebrew evangelist; Mr. Dudley Kinsman of the South American Indian Mission who worked for seven years in the jungles of Brazil; Rev. Frank Harris of the China Inland Mission; Miss Ruth Truesdell of the African Inland Mission; Miss Eleanor Hance of the International Child Evangelism Fellowship; Dr. E. Joseph Evans, president of the Greek American Missionary Society; and Miss Florence Malcolm of the American Board of Congregational Missions from Angola, Africa.

The Wednesday sessions were conducted as combined sessions for the regional conference of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Foreign Missions Fellowship.

The Conference honored ten new Gordon missionary alumni sailing for the mission fields of the world this fall. Pictures of mission work in Ethiopia, New England, Mexico and other fields were shown. Music was provided by student groups from the New England School of Theology, Providence Bible Institute, Eastern Nazarene College and Gordon College.

SAM Active in Orient and Africa

CHICAGO.—Rev. David H. Johnson, general director of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission is visiting the Tibetan frontier and the main India field of East and West Khandesh

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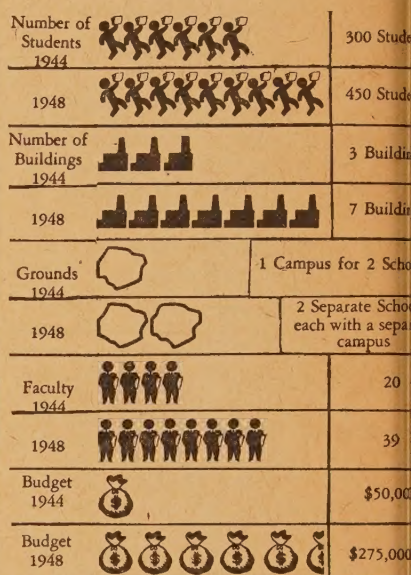

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or, the red-cushioned, dark walnut
that Abraham Lincoln once occu-
will be removed from the old
ice and reinstalled in the new.
ugh one of nine American Presi-
ts who attended the New York
nue church, Lincoln is said to be
only one who maintained a rented

r. Marshall is also chaplain of the
S. Senate.

PERSONALIA

B. Benson, administrator of
esda Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., has
named president-elect of the
rican Protestant Hospital Associa-

Mulder Schuil, organist and choir
tor of the Baptist Temple Church,
River, Mass., has been added to
faculty of the Detroit Bible Insti-
as professor of music.

rnelius Jaarsma, professor of Edu-
on at Calvin College, Grand Rapids,
., was speaker at a meeting of the
innati NAE group on November

nry Keegstra, who for twenty-six
s served as editor-in-chief of
Wachter, Christian Reformed
ch weekly, has retired from that
ion because of eye trouble. He
been succeeded by Rev. Emo F. J.
Halsema, pastor of the First
stian Reformed Church, Hudson-
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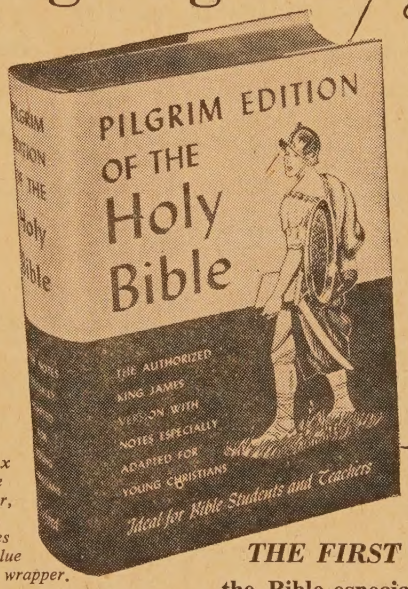

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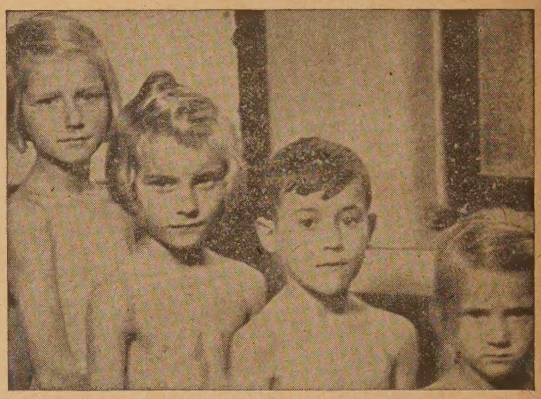

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